

4 Held in Slaying Of Eastbay Scion

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Four men, including three from Oakland, were arrested today in connection with Monday night's holdup and slaying of Robert N. Burgess III, son of a prominent central Contra Costa County real estate developer, in a San Jose grocery store.

Burgess, 25, was shot near the heart by one of two holdup men at Spartan Market, San Jose, where he worked part-time.

Charged with robbery and homicide are Lionel Frazier, 17, of 1476 87th Ave., Oakland, held in juvenile hall in San Jose; Richard Bradford, 18, of 1038 76th Ave., Oakland, and Charles Oliver, about 23, of San Jose, both held in county jail in San Jose.

Emanuel Edwards, 20, of 2716 Havencourt Blvd., Oakland, was held in Oakland jail this morning while San Jose police made arrangements to transport him to San Jose.

Oakland police said the three Oakland men have long criminal records.

The arrests followed a complaint yesterday afternoon by a 16-year-old Oakland girl who said she had been raped by two men who were still in her house.

Two men being questioned about the incident, Edwards and Travis Robinson, 21, of 1162 77th Ave., Oakland, reportedly conversed in the rear seat of the police car about Monday night's shooting and were overheard by Sgt. Rhodney Duncan.

Subsequent investigation implicated Edwards and the other three. Robinson is being held in Oakland for investigation of rape.

Burgess was shot by the door of the grocery store Monday night. Another parttime clerk, Don Bigelow, 21, chased the holdup men in vain and then returned to the store to find Burgess had been shot.

Burgess was pronounced dead at Valley Medical Center in San Jose. He was a student

at San Jose State College and would have graduated in business administration next February.

The development interests of both the dead youth's father and his late grandfather in Contra Costa County date back to the turn of the century.

The grandfather, R. N. Burgess, was the original developer of the Diablo Country Club, built the town of Clyde and the old shipyard there during World War I, and in later years developed the Lakewood area in Walnut Creek.

The elder Burgess also was said to have been the original builder of the South Gate Road section up Mt. Diablo — with a horse drawn grader in 1907 — and was instrumental in helping attain state park status for the mountain's summit.

His wife, the former Ann Fish, was from the pioneer family in the Lafayette-Orinda area from which Fish Ranch Road takes its name.

The father of the slain youth, Robert N. Burgess Jr., followed the family tradition and was in realty development also in Central Contra Costa County for many years, living in Walnut Creek and Diablo before the family moved to Incline Village at Lake Tahoe about two years ago.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R.N. Burgess Jr.; a sister, Elizabeth Ann Burgess of Incline Village, and a brother, Edward H. Burgess of Concord.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, 1550 Diablo Rd., Danville.

Holdup Murder Charges NOV 6 - 1970 Faced in Scion's Death

SAN JOSE — Two Oakland youths have been arraigned on charges of murder in the death of San Jose College student Robert Burgess III, 25, part-time supermarket employee and son of a prominent Contra Costa County real estate developer.

The youths, Richard Bradford, 18, of 1038 76th Ave. and Emanuel Edwards, 20, of 2716 Havenscourt Blvd. a l l e g e d members of a holdup gang, were arraigned yesterday in San Jose Municipal Court and are being held without bail in the Santa Clara County Jail. They are also charged with conspiracy to commit robbery

in connection with a rash of market holdups in the San Jose area during last month, police said.

They were arrested Wednesday along with Travis Robinson, 21, of 1162 77th Ave., and Charles Oliver, 23, of San Jose, alleged accomplices in past robberies, according to Santa Clara County Asst. Dist. Atty. William Hoffman. Oliver and Robinson were arraigned on charges of robbery conspiracy and bail was set at \$10,000.

A fifth youth, Lionel Frazier, 17, of 1476th 87th Ave., is charged with robbery and homicide and is in the custody of the California Youth Authority.

Burgess, son of Robert N. Burgess, Jr., now of Incline Village, Lake Tahoe, was shot at the door of the grocery store Monday night as he grappled with one of two would-be holdup men, police said. He would have graduated in February.

Collegian

Convicted

Of Murder

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SAN JOSE (AP) — A San Jose State College student has been convicted of first-degree murder in the slaying of another student during a grocery store robbery last November.

A jury of six men and six women convicted Richard Bradford, 20, ~~Friday after a four-week trial.~~

Bradford also was found guilty of attempted armed robbery but was acquitted of a Milpitas liquor store robbery.

A codefendant, Emmanuel Edwards, 20, a California Youth Authority parolee, was acquitted of murder, attempted robbery and the Milpitas holdup.

Bradford and Edwards were arrested after Robert Burgess III, 24, a business administration student, was shot and killed during a holdup at Spartan Market.

Police said he was killed when he wrestled with the holdup men trying to prevent the robbery.